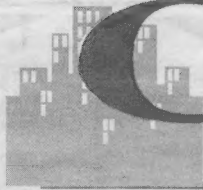


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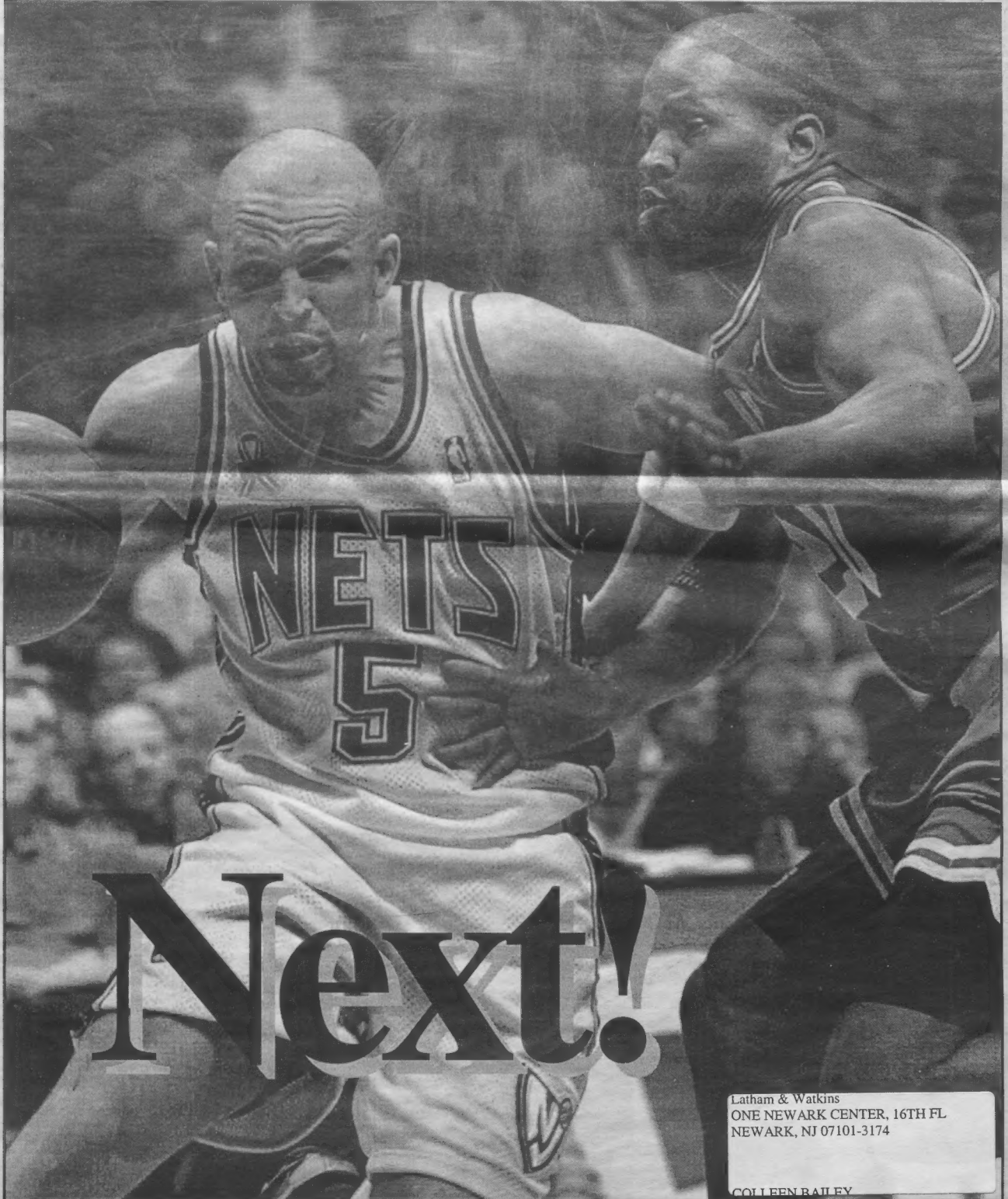
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New York Giants talk to West Side High School Students—New York Giants wide receiver Tahiti Davis; linebacker Clayton White and Director of Player Development Charles Way, discussed the importance of education and career. Pictured here are from (left to right) Charles Way, Director of Player Development NY Giants; Thabiti Davis, NY Giants; Jackie King, PSE&G; Clayton White, NY Giants; LeRoy Jones, Director of Workforce Diversity PSE&G; students from West Side High School, and Otto Floyd, Athletic Director at West Side High School.



Musical Physics—Students from West Side High School won second place for their submission "Musical Physics", which focused on physics equations used to generate sounds and music. Pictured from left to right are Cecil B. Pickett, president, Schering-Plough; students Ronald Emerson, Troy Lake and Abraha Rutty; and SPRI scientists Cynthia Morgan and Mary Cohen-Williams.

Curious Observer

Congratulations to the New Jersey Nets who dealt with adversity on and off the basketball court in a manner befitting the true champions they are. I wonder: Is that why some Boston Celtic fans felt the need to stoop increasingly lower in their sportsmanship behavior each night?

The lines in our city banks are getting longer and slower. I wonder: Is this why some bank officials have implemented the policy of having only one teller open during the last banking hour, while the other two teller handle internal task of reconciling?

Speaking of banks, why do they close their doors at 3:00 p.m.? I wonder: Is it because they have collected all our money they need for that day?

Thank goodness the blood-letting between democratic Essex County Executive candidates Joseph DiVincenzo, and Thomas Giblin is almost over. I wonder: What tourniquet will bind the gaping party wounds these two have inflicted?

Jersey City, the state's second largest city has somewhere around 460 streets in a 1,000 block area. I wonder: Why did city officials divvy up a portion of Martin Luther King Drive and rename it in honor of Addison M. McLeon, Hudson County's first African-American state assemblyman?

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EOF Leaders — The Education Opportunity Fund Leadership (EOF) awards were recently presented to two deserving area students with excellent grade point averages. Pictured here from left to right are award recipients Joel Muniz, of Newark, Rochelle Alexander of East Orange, a Centenary College graduating senior, and Dr. Kenneth L. Hoyt, Centenary College president.



NJIT Proclamation — Tony Howles Executive Director of the Education Opportunity Fund for the New Jersey Institute of Technology receives proclamation from Lulchi Campana, Assistant Business Administrator for the City of Newark at NJIT's Educational Opportunity Program's 30th anniversary celebration recently.

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National Briefs

DNC chairman addresses voting violations of 2000 election

WASHINGTON — Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe recently issued the following statement: "Democrats achieved a bittersweet victory. After 18 months foot-dragging, the Justice Department has finally decided to address the allegations of voting rights violations and disenfranchisement that occurred during the disputed 2000 Presidential election. The DNC has consistently demanded that people be held accountable for the well documented cases of illegal voter purges, intimidation, and irregularities that stained our democracy".

Agreement signed to improve housing and urban concerns

WASHINGTON — U. S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez and InterAmerican Development Bank President Enrique V. Iglesias signed a first time ever Memorandum of Cooperation recently to jointly study ways to improve housing and living conditions for low income people in Latin America and the Caribbean. The IDB, which works in 26 countries in the Americas, is a principal source of financing for economic, social and institutional development projects in the region.

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney feels vindicated

WASHINGTON — U. S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.), stridently criticized for suggesting that the Bush Administration knew of an impending attack on the United States before September 11, has claimed vindication in the wake of disclosures that the CIA and FBI had received such reports. McKinney created a stir this spring when she also said the Bush family stood to benefit from the \$40 billion defense-spending budget approved through fiscal year 2003. The president's father is on the Carlyle Group board, among America's largest defense contractors.

Major black-owned hotel opens in Miami

MIAMI — The Royal Palm Crowne Plaza, a \$84 million resort on Miami Beach, opened recently, as the first major Black-owned hotel. The controversial project of developer R. Donahue Peebles has been anticipated since plans were unveiled in 1996. The hotel, managed by Six Continents Hotels, is devoted to hiring minorities for half of its staff and at least a quarter of senior management. Management-level staff is nearly 100 percent minority.

Secretary Colin Powell says recruit minorities

by George Gedda
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell announced recently a grant of \$1 million to Howard University to increase the number of minorities who pursue careers as Foreign Service officers.

"Increasing diversity at the State Department is a high priority for me," Powell said at a ceremony at the State Department.

"We simply have to increase the representation of African-Americans especially, but also other minorities, in every State Department bureau in every diplomatic post around the world."

Joining Powell at the ceremony was Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the chief Capitol Hill backer of the program, which will bear Rangel's name.

Current figures on the percentage of black Foreign Service personnel were not available, but in the late 1990s it was about 5.2 percent. Nationally, about 12 percent of the population is black.

Powell said he was pleased with the relatively large number of minorities who took the Foreign Service exam in April — more than 4,400. He said results from the exam are not yet known.

Of 26,000 who took the exam over two test periods, more

than 8,000 were from minority groups, said Powell, the highest-ranking minority member of the Bush administration.

"The men and women of the Department of State are America's face to the world," he said. "They can send a powerful, positive signal around the globe that differences do not have to be divisive and that freedom works."

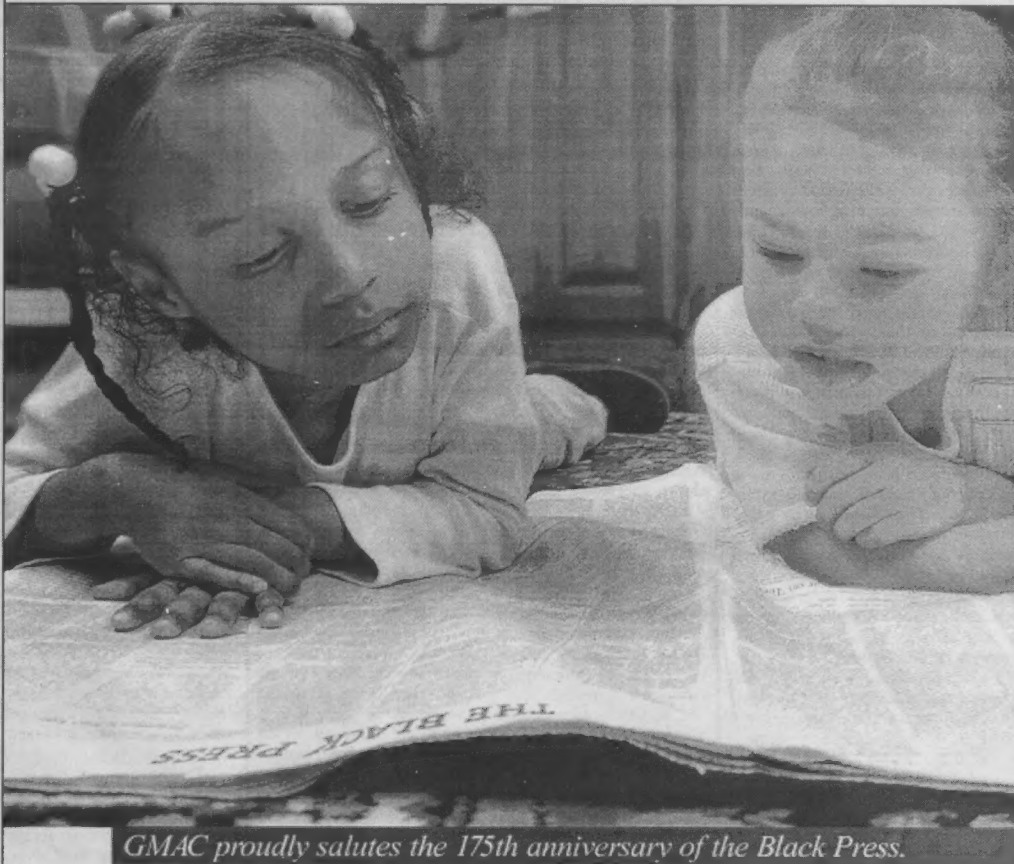
Howard University will use the grant to fund a summer institute for the study of international affairs for students drawn from Howard, other historically black institutions and other universities including the City University of New York, Powell's alma mater.

The grant also will support

overseas internships, online courses in international affairs and outreach to secondary school students. In addition, it will provide fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students in international affairs.

For years, the State Department touted its minority recruitment program, but some career diplomats from minority groups have said the effort was half-hearted.

Terence Todman, an African American six-time ambassador who attended the ceremony, has said, "Just putting on your stationery that you are an equal opportunity employer does not make you one. There is no interest in having minorities."



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Editorial

Bus service needs improvements too

Last week Governor James E. McGreevey, Transportation Commissioner James P. "Jamie" Fox and newly appointed NJ Transit Executive Director George D. Warrington outlined plans to ease crowding on NJ Transit's Northeast Corridor and North Jersey Coast lines. Under current conditions about 4,000 riders stand for the daily commute to and from jobs in New York City.

Fox said that "in order for NJ Transit to reach its potential it must be seen as a welcome choice, rather than an unavoidable one" in terms of transportation.

We agree, but also remind the Governor and transportation officials that at least 70 percent of the NJ Transit ridership are inner city bus commuters who, unlike the average rail commuter, are in fact "bus transit-dependent".

Bus riders often lack access to an automobile because of income, health, age, or driving restrictions and depend largely upon NJ Transit for nearly every mobility needs: going to work, church, school, shopping, and social visits.

These bus transit-dependent passengers are usually minority, low-income, and female: groups who are traditionally overlooked in the planning process. Politicians are more likely to advocate for weekend service to accommodate Big Apple theatre goers and sports fans than for people riding the bus to tend to the necessities of their meager lives.

We strongly urge Governor McGreevey and NJ Transit officials to the roll out initiatives that address the needs of the bus riders who pay the lions' share of transit revenues. These passengers need more buses to reduce overcrowding on lines that connect cities, such as Newark and Jersey City where the passenger load factor is as "unacceptable" as 4,000 daily standees on Manhattan bound trains. They need greater flexibility in services to facilitate their work, shopping, childcare, errand and medical services needs. And yes, they want air conditioning.

New Jersey Transit will reach its full potential when bus riders receive a proportionate improvement in service.

Fathers matter to young lives

Critics have raised several objections to the data presented in past editions of Father Facts. First, that the negative effects of father absence on children are highly exaggerated because father absence does not condemn a child to psychiatric problems, educational failure, drug addiction, and a life of crime; indeed, most children from single-parent families and stepfamilies turn out fine. Nor, they point out, does marriage guarantee good parenting, and a marriage marked by high-conflict or abuse can be far worse for children than divorce.

We do not deny that some children who grow up without involved fathers do well, often due to the tremendous efforts of single mothers. There are great stepfathers out there, too, who contribute to their stepchildren in countless ways. To ignore or demean their efforts would be insulting and wrong. Our research in Father Facts shows that

father absence significantly increases the risk that a child will suffer negative outcomes.

Skeptics also point out that just because father absence is associated with poorer outcomes for children does not mean that father absence "per se" or "in and of itself" causes those outcomes. Those concerned about the effects of father absence should be aware of the complexity of the causation/correlation conundrum. Most importantly children who grow up in father-absent homes are five times more likely to be poor. Also, children of divorce are more likely to suffer emotional problems. But divorce occurs in families that are troubled to begin with. Therefore, some of the observed negative effects of divorce are not from the divorce per se, but from the conflict that ultimately led to the divorce.

Acknowledging complexity does not weaken the case for fatherhood,

though, and pointing out that correlation does not equal causation is not a trump card that nullifies the findings in Father Facts. While no single study can prove that father absence hurts children (social science is messier than mathematics), the evidence that it does is abundant and compelling. Even after researchers control for socioeconomic variables such as race and income, children who grow up without their fathers still consistently score lower on measures of well-being.

Therefore, while not a perfect measure, family structure is the best proxy measure we have for father involvement and the provision of parental resources. If our society cares about its children, we must recognize the importance of married fatherhood. And, even more importantly, we must reduce the high levels of fatherlessness that bode ill for our children and our nation's future.

Condoleezza Rice: How Do You Like Her Now?

By Ron Walters
NNPA

Now it turns out that there were at least two memoranda that substantiate Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney's position that there were numerous warnings about September 11 indicating strong suspicion that something was a foot. A daily Central Intelligence Agency memorandum shown to George Bush on Aug. 6 suggested that Al Qaeda members could be planning to carry out high-jackings in the United States. A memorandum, prepared by an FBI agent in Phoenix, stated that some of Osama bin Laden's followers could be training at American flight schools.

Now there appears to be some finger-pointing because CIA officials say they did not receive the FBI memo until a few weeks ago. FBI officials say that the names of Middle Eastern men mentioned in the memo were brought to the attention of the CIA as early as the summer of 2001, and claim they were told by the CIA that the men were not under suspicion.

In this policy failure, at stake is the credibility of Condoleezza Rice, national security adviser to the president. Rice also says that she did not see the Phoenix memo until after September 11. However, it is the job of the national security adviser to help set priorities and to demand corroborating information when it looks as if the security of the nation is

jeopardized. She also has the power to advise the president to convene the National Security Council, and to influence the agenda of that body to bring up matters that she feels are important. So, why didn't Rice put two and two together; where was the brilliance then?

Rice served in a sensitive position on the security council of the previous Bush administration and knew the games agencies like the CIA, NASA and FBI can play in order to improve their profiles in dealing with crises so that at budget time they can get fatter.

Rice also convinced Bush not to spend the precious little credibility that he had—after being given the presidency by the Supreme Court—in following up on Clinton's failed attempt to achieve peace in what looked like a quagmire in the Middle East. This decision, no doubt, sent signals throughout the intelligence establishment about the president's priorities and may have influenced it not to pay much attention to what seemed like minor issues related to that region.

On the other hand, the credibility of Rep. McKinney should have been respected. She serves on both the Defense and International Relations Committees of the House.

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I'm not African

By Kwaku Person-Lynn,
Ph.D.

Analyzing the above statement would take volumes of books on philosophy, history, economics, psychology, biology, slave studies and a host of other disciplines. It is the nucleus of a problem that has caused a whole people to change their concept of self, and their world status. The African was literally written out of the history books when the Atlantic slave trade began, and brutally stripped of every tradition, custom, ritual, religion, culture, languages and name they used for thousands of years. The names given to them were fashioned after the plantation slavers who owned them. This transitions us to the genesis of how the term 'Negro' became common usage to describe enslaved Africans.

The Spanish did not call their enslaved Africans by the name of the nation or continent they belonged to, accept to record where they were captured or bought. They described them by the color of their skin. 'Negro' means black in Spanish. Over the centuries enslaved black people described themselves by the terms used by Europeans.

Unfortunately, black people, up until recently, knowingly and unknowingly, used the term "Negro" as a symbol of pride, even when naming some of their most cherished organizations, proving that a slave mentality still existed. Collective descriptions of people are usually associated with their land of origin. There is no Negroland.

Every term possible has been used to avoid the only term that properly describes black people, Africans. Centuries of negative propaganda, books, articles and films related to Africa and Africans caused this. While of elementary school age, a Caucasian boy attempting to curse me, called me a "black African." At the time, that was equivalent to the 'n' word. Many black people still cringe when called "African". This is due to lack of knowledge. The term American African (American born African) accurately describes the double-sided geographical realities, however it does not define ancestral origin.

Scholarship states that the Creator decided that all human beings would evolve from African people. Realizing that civilization: philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, architecture, agriculture, spiritual thought, along with a host of other human gifts started in Africa, can restore a black person's self concept and eradicate any sense of collective inferiority.

Knowing that all world cultures owe some aspect of their existence to Africa can resurrect a world view opposite from the European-centered orientation in which most have been educated. Until that happens, too many of us will grin and shuffle along actualizing the world's most meaningless term: Negro.

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In making the announcement, acting SBA New Jersey District Director James A. Kocsi said, "Only the most active and expert lenders qualify for SBA's premier streamlined lending program. We are pleased to add Independence Community Bank to our list of preferred lenders. This status will allow them to assist even more small businesses in communities where they have a presence."

Irvington business gets Inc. Magazine award



Michael Roesch, President of Stuyvesant Press receives award with Sara Bost, Mayor of Irvington.

Former Mayor Sara Bost recently announced that one of the local businesses she submitted for the Inner City 100 Award is, in fact, the first recipient in the Township of Irvington in recent history to receive a national award.

Now in its fourth year, the Inner City 100 provides unprecedented original data on fast growing U.S. inner city businesses. The Inner City 100 companies were selected from a pool of 4,250 nominations from 191 cities.

Stuyvesant Press Inc., Irvington, NJ ranked number 9 on the Inc. list. In 2000 Stuyvesant has 16 full-time employees, and more than \$2 M in revenue. The company provides commercial printing, distribution and mailing services.

Ronald A. Williams named Aetna president

HARTFORD, CT—Aetna Chairman, President and CEO John W. Rowe, M.D., announced today the appointment of Ronald A. Williams as president of Aetna (NYSE: AET), effective immediately. In addition to continuing to lead the health business, Aetna group insurance, large case pensions and National Medical Services also will report to Williams.

"Ron Williams is an outstanding business leader, who has contributed significantly to the turnaround under way at Aetna," Dr. Rowe said. "Ron's extensive industry experience and focus on operational excellence have been key factors in the initial success we have been able to achieve."

"With this promotion, Ron will take responsibility for integrating additional businesses and operational areas to achieve our strategic goals."

Specifically, we intend to advance our customer-focused efforts to integrate group life, disability and long-term care benefits with health care benefits, giving both employers and individuals more comprehensive benefits solutions.

"Also, to help meet our members' need for affordable, high-quality health care, we intend to align more closely our medical management and network contracting strategies, working closely with physicians and hospitals," Dr. Rowe said.

Williams will continue as a member of the Office of the Chairman, along with Dr. Rowe; David B. Kelso, executive vice president for Strategy & Finance; and L. Edward Shaw, Jr., executive vice president and general counsel.

Kelso and Shaw will continue to report to Dr. Rowe, according to a company



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Lillia Geddis is pictured with her grandson, Tracy; Patricia Hildt, and Sonia Rivera, from Newark Beth Israel.

Newark resident Lillia Geddis celebrates 100th birthday

NEWARK — Ask Lillia Geddis of Newark her secret to longevity and her answer is clear. "I worked hard all my life, and tried to tend to my own business," says the resident of Grace-West Manor, who celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

Geddis lives in her own apartment, cooks for herself daily, and is a political enthusiast whose television is constantly tuned in to C-Span. "I try to help myself all I can," she says. "Throughout my life, I was always prepared to be independent. If I could learn something, I tried to. I always believed you should never go down, but always advance yourself."

Geddis was born in Florida on May 20, 1902. One of eight children and first came to New Jersey in 1923. She has lived in Newark's Central Ward since 1927 and says she is proud of the strong work ethic that enabled her to take care of herself and her family through the years. "I was here during the Depression, when everyone had to go to work," she said. As a young woman she recognized the value of learning a trade, and graduated in 1935 from the Apex Beauty Academy on Newark's West Kinney Street. She then worked as a hairdresser in the city for many years. She and her husband were married for 53 years until he died in 1978. They had one son, Tracy, and their family has grown to include three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Today, her daughter-in-law, Kim, and her grandson, Tracy, are close by to help her with anything she needs.

Geddis celebrated her 100th birthday with several parties, including one on May 20th that was organized by Patricia Hildt, a geriatric nurse practitioner from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's Center for Geriatric Health Care. Because May was Older Americans Month, it seemed the perfect opportunity to celebrate her long life. When asked about her plans for the future, Mrs. Geddis says, "I didn't think I'd stay here this long, so whatever comes up after 100, I'll be satisfied!"

City Briefs

Historic Preservation

NEWARK — Jerry Raymond, Trustee of the New Jersey Historic Trust, will present a \$26,550.40 check to Sondra R. Clark, President and CEO of the Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) for a preservation plan and tile roof conditions assessment for the historic Ambrose Ward Mansion, which currently houses the headquarters of BUF/NJ. BUF/NJ is a social service organization dedicated to the empowerment of New Jersey's African American community.

Displaced airline workers

ELIZABETH — The Union County Freeholder Board, state, municipal and federal officials opened the Union County STAR (Statewide Airport Related) opportunity training center last Thursday at the RexPlex in Elizabeth. The STAR Center is a unique, statewide one-stop career center designed to assist New Jersey work-

ers laid off from the airlines and its associated industries as a result of the terrorist attacks.

September 11 relief effort grant

NEWARK — Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. has been a lead agency in Essex County in the distribution of funds to persons impacted by the tragedy. Acknowledging the agency's pivotal role, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee of Cambridge, MA has awarded NESF a \$50,000 grant to assist workers who lost their jobs directly or indirectly as a result of the September 11th attacks.

NESF distribution includes the following communities: Belleville, North Arlington, East Orange, Harrison, Irvington, Kearney, Maplewood, East Newark, Newark, Nutley, Orange, South Orange and West Orange.

If you or someone you know is in need of relief assistance, please contact NESF by calling their 24-hour hotline number (800) 696-7063.



April 2002 Newark Truancy Task Force members recognized for their work on the 20th anniversary. From left to right, front row are: Rodrick Alston; Nathaniel Potts; Shirley Grundy; Tyhiesha Turner; Mia Finch; Gwen Hunt; Chris Citarella; Willie Mae Walker; Fran Turner; Carmen Perez; Willie Freeman. From left to right, back row are: Lloyd Underwood; Alvin Bell; Hassan Carter; Richard Bellazzini; Nathaniel Bentley; Hassan Arbubakkr; Darrell M. Major; Lavita S. Johnson.

Basketball legend "PeeWee" Kirkland addresses youth conference

NEWARK — Basketball legend, Richard "PeeWee" Kirkland will deliver the keynote address at the Second Anniversary of community leadership forums produced by the National Exchange for Urban Leadership (NEUL) on June 6th, 2002 at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. During the roundtable, a critical analysis of the youth session feedback and general urban issues discussion will take place.

"When pursuing community development, the significance of the youth perspective is sometimes overlooked. Like it or not, these are our future leaders and it would behoove us to understand their reasoning process and convert the characterization of their relationships from adversity to mutual respect, notes Mark Lawrence, NEUL founder and executive director.

According to NEUL National Youth Keynote Speaker, PeeWee Kirkland, "Those of us in position to make a difference must teach our youth that true meaning only enters your life once you commit to a cause that is larger than self. Once they experience and understand the value and power of service, they can see that nearly all of their problems, including family, social and criminal, are related to selfish thinking and behavior."

"At the conclusion of the conference, we will continue our work with NEUL, to further build this youth leadership collaboration with these sorts of conferences, after school programs and in-school activities", notes Reverend Joe Carter of New Hope Baptist Church.

NEUL was inspired by the number of urban youngsters who survive and succeed in today's society against severe odds. Through ongoing state and community partnerships, NEUL seeks to build attendees' self-awareness, self-respect and self-expectation. As a result, we will experience more whole individuals, families and communities, accompanied by reductions in truancy, substance abuse and crime.

This "exchange" among 300 students and community leaders is designed to generate healing, motivation and empowerment. The event will include a youth leadership forum of 300 middle school students from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and a Leadership Roundtable Discussion will take place from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call 877-AAMES-77. For more information on NEUL, call 973-414-8644 or visit www.aames.org.

Jersey City streets get paved

JERSEY CITY — Mayor Glenn D. Cunningham unveiled his four-phase plan to pave and repair inner city and residential street surfaces that have been neglected for more than a decade.

"While it is essential to pave the major roads, like we've done with Palisade Avenue, it's just as important to improve the roads in our neighborhoods," Cunningham said. A Democrat, Cunningham, campaigned on promises to create "golden neighborhoods" by rebuilding Jersey City's inner communities as well as continuing the thriving waterfront development.

Crews from the city's Department of Public Works have routinely maintained the major thoroughfares in the city in the past eight months. However, Cunningham and DPW Director Ron Buonocore just completed their plan to make similar improvements in all of the Jersey City's neighborhoods, particularly in areas where roads have not been repaved in more than a decade.

"We are about three weeks ahead of schedule," said Buonocore, adding that each of the city's wards will see repaving in the neighborhoods.

Next! Bring on the Lakers

by Chris Sykes

New Jersey Nets to face L.A. Lakers the NBA Finals

It looks as if it's going to be Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and co. versus Jason Kidd and the upstart Nets when the NBA Finals begin Wednesday night. The stage is set for a classic David versus Goliath showdown as the two-time defending world champion Los Angeles Lakers take on the Nets, a team and franchise which overcame a history of frustration by reaching the Finals for the first time with a 96-88 victory over the Boston Celtics Friday.

The Nets had won only one playoff series prior to this season. But they defied the odds and their lackluster history by closing out the Eastern Conference Finals in six games. The challenge now is the Lakers, who won their Western Conference Finals series against the Sacramento Kings in an overtime thriller by a final score of 112-106. The Lakers are 9-1 odds on favorites to beat the surprising Nets.

"It's a three-peat automatically," said Big L also known as Lenny

Vurgos, the manager of a night-club in Elizabeth. "There's no team in the East that can take us, the Nets included. Only the West has any work for us, and we beat all of them to get to the Finals."

Vurgos' sentiments were echoed by another club employee, Curtis, who acknowledged that the Kings were a good team, but they came up short against the defending champs. He also said he expects the Lakers to sweep the Nets in four games on their way to a third world championship.

"I don't think anybody can beat us," he said. "They have no one to cover Shaq. When he's on top of his game, no one can cover him."

O'Neal was the hero of the Lakers' overtime victory, scoring 35 points, grabbing 13 rebounds and blocking 4 shots. The game was decided at the free throw line with the notoriously poor foul shooting O'Neal going 11-18, while the normally sharpshooting Kings shot a dismal 14-30.

Sacramento guard Mike Bibby and forward Chris Webber were the high scorers for the Kings, with 29 and 20 points respec-

tively.

"We just came up short," Bibby said in a post-game interview. "We should've closed them out when we had the chance."

All recriminations aside, the Nets know that if they hope to continue making history by actually beating the Lakers and winning their first NBA title to cap this season of firsts, they will have to do a better job than the Kings. No one knows that better than head coach Byron Scott, who was once a member of the Lakers' championship teams of the 1980s that were coached by Pat Riley and featured Magic Johnson's show-time brand of basketball.

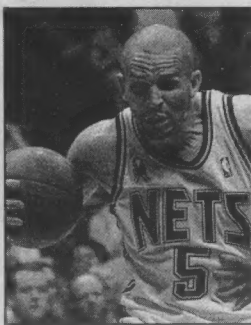
"This team has been through so much," Scott said. "From where we started to where we ended up, it's been a tremendous turnaround. You just have to give those guys a lot of credit because they believed in me and they believed in our staff."

With his all-around excellence and commitment to unselfish play, Kidd has been the driving force behind the Nets' meteoric rise. Friday was no exception as the All-Star guard registered his third triple-double of the series with 15 points, 13 assists and 13

rebounds.

"We are the best team coming out of the East," Kidd said.

"Jason Kidd is an off-the-chart player," Celtics coach Jim



O'Brien said following his team's Friday night loss. "He is as good a point guard that I've ever seen. To be able to get triple-doubles on a regular basis is something to be said."

The Nets were clinging to a one-point lead when Kidd hit a foul-line jumper and found Kenyon Martin with a lob pass for a dunk and an 89-84 lead with 2:01 to go.

The Celtics got within 91-88 in the final minute, but Keith Van Horn delivered the dagger with

a 3-pointer that beat the shot clock with 49 seconds left. Kidd added the clinching free throws 16 seconds later.

Martin scored 16 points and Richard Jefferson added 15 for the Nets, who showed tremendous resiliency throughout the series. After losing Game 3 by wasting a 21-point fourth-quarter lead, they won the final three games of the series.

"We matured from that game. Game 3 really taught us a lot about ourselves and some things that we had to do offensively," Scott said. "It was the best thing that happened to us, losing Game 3 the way we did, because it made us a better team and made us strong, especially in the second half."

For the second straight game, the Nets went to a zone defense in the fourth quarter to confound Celtics stars Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker. The high-scoring duo was held scoreless over the final 11 minutes, with Walker missing a pair of crucial free throws with 90 seconds left.

Ex-Nets point guard and current Celtic standout Kenny Anderson scored a career play-

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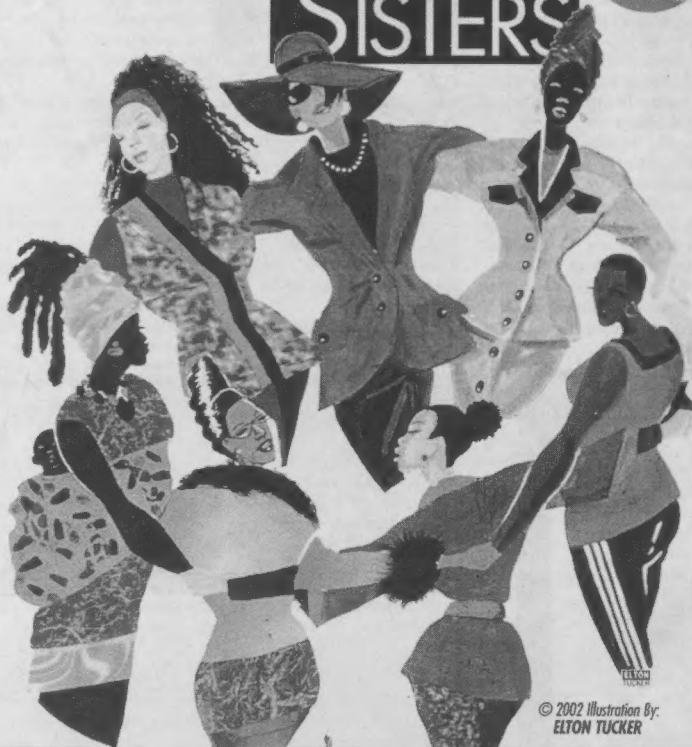
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Next! Bring on the Lakers

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scored 16 and Pierce 14 for Boston, which experienced a rebirth of its old winning ways this season.

After missing the playoffs for six consecutive years, the Celtics won 49 games and advanced to the conference finals for the first time since 1988.

"I think this is just the start of something," Pierce said. "We have nothing to hang our heads down for. We had a great year." Walker concurred, saying "I think the biggest thing that we can take out of this season is that we need home-court advantage."

The Nets were clinging to a 75-74 lead before Martin made a turnaround jumper with 8:05 to play. On consecutive possessions, Kidd penetrated and fed Lucious Harris and Aaron Williams for layups. Williams was fouled and added a free throw for an 82-74 advantage with 6:05 left.

Erick Strickland scored six straight Boston points before a layup by Rodney Rogers pulled the Celtics within 85-84 with 2:54 remaining.

Two free throws by Rogers made it 89-86 with 1:39 to go. Kittles threw away a pass and fouled Walker, who missed both free throws. Martin rebounded the

second miss and was fouled by Pierce. He made both at the other end for a 91-86 lead.

Harris scored 12 points and Keith Van Horn and Todd MacCulloch added 11 each for the Nets, who shot 47 percent (36-of-76) from the field. Strickland scored 14 points, Rogers 13 and Eric Williams 11 for the Celtics, who shot 43 percent (34-of-79), including 7-of-30 from the arc.

The Celtics had been outscored, 90-47, in the first period of the last three games and appeared on their way to digging themselves another hole when the Nets scored the first eight points. But they regrouped nicely and closed the quarter with a 12-3 spurt, taking a 28-21 lead.

Two 3-pointers by Harris early in the second quarter gave New Jersey a 29-28 lead. Anderson scored eight points and fed Walker for a pretty layup in the final 3 1/2 minutes of the first half, helping Boston widen its lead to 54-44 at the break.

The Nets began the second half playing tougher defense and got back in the game. Kidd found Harris for a jumper and made a layup before two free throws by Martin gave them a 70-69 lead entering the final period.

Women of color have more at stake with Social Security

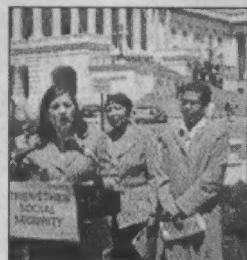
Women of color have a special stake in Social Security reform. The debate over the future of Social Security reform has not fully analyzed the unique circumstances of women of color. With their low lifetime earnings and long life spans on average, African American and Hispanic women benefit greatly from Social Security's progressive benefit formula and life-long, inflation adjusted benefits. They also draw disproportionately on Social Security's benefits for disabled workers and for the families of workers who become disabled or die prematurely.

Women of color rely more heavily on Social Security for their retirement income than do whites of either sex or men of color.

Research from the Social Security Administration shows that for over 80% of non-married elderly African American and Hispanic women, Social Security provides over half of their income in retirement, and for over half, it represents 90% or more of their retirement income.

By comparison, Social Security provides more than half of retirement income for 73% of non-married elderly white women, and for 40% the pro-

gram provides 90% or more of retirement income. Non-married elderly African American and Hispanic women are also more reliant on Social Security than non-married African American and Hispanic men, respectively, though the disparity is some-



Women protest Social Security bill at nation's capital

what greater among African Americans than among Hispanics. A similar disparity exists with married couples: one in five African American married couples and over one in four Hispanic married couples rely on Social Security for all of their income in retirement, compared to only one in ten white married couples."

Women of color are long lived, so Social Security's lifetime, inflation protected benefits are especially important.

Gus Henningburg:

A gentle warrior on many battlefields

By Scheryl Gant and Kim Bowman

Newark's true Renaissance man is roasted, honored, and lauded by NJ's other prime movers

NEWARK — The life of Gus Henningburg is richly textured by years of service to community, layered by his noteworthy work in the arenas of civil rights, community empowerment, urban affairs, higher education and commentary. He is credited for his role in the way of social justice for minority and disadvantaged Americans both nationally and regionally. His resume and accomplishments are boundless.

"I've had the opportunity to do what I wanted and I haven't done anything I didn't want to," Henningburg told City News last week. "I'm also glad that my work has been helpful to others."

A noted broadcaster and public policy expert, Henningburg is widely known for leading two nationally recognized protests during the poignant movement era. In 1972 while president and CEO of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, he shut

"He (Henningburg) taught me how to put the 'action' in the term affirmative action. He taught me when to fight; when to say 'no'; and when to stand up for changes for the good of the whole."

Jan Walden, NJ Transit

down construction on the \$400 million Newark airport redevelopment project in an effort to integrate the workcrew, and award construction contracts and retail space to minorities. As a result of the national attention Henningburg brought to the lack of a genuine affirmative action policy at the Newark airport, and the existence of generations of racially exclusionary local labor practices, he successfully negotiated the "Newark Plan" with airport officials. The plan provided training and employment for hundreds of African American and Hispanic construction workers. Today Newark Airport has more African American and Hispanic business than any other airport in the United States, and it continues to serve as a model for economic development at airports.

The "Newark Plan" was then piloted in construction projects throughout Newark, including the UMDNJ and Rutgers University campuses, and was later adopted by the State of New Jersey. It has been widely hailed as the most effective affirmative action plan in America.

In 1974 Henningburg mediated the settlement of the nation's longest public housing rent strike at Newark's Stella Wright homes, leading a federal judge to comment that his "credibility and his quiet, effective leadership brought order out of chaos, and produced solutions where many thought none existed."

Known nationally as "Gus," Henningburg was honored with a "Toast and Roast" on Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Leonard Coleman and Leonard Lieberman will chair the evening's event. The honorary committee includes such state leadership luminaries as The Honorary Committee include The Honorable Brendan Byrne, Sally G. Carroll, Elizabeth G. Christopherson, Barbara Bell Coleman, Leon Denmark, Pat A. Di Filippo, The Honorable James J. Florio, Lawrence P. Goldman, Edward L.

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"Through the Henningburg Fellows program, the institute for Ethnicity, Culture, and The Modern Experience seeks to place Mr. Henningburg's vision, and indeed his life's work, at the forefront of civic engagement and discourse around the intersection of culture and urban living," said Price, of Rutgers' Newark campus who will officially announce the establishment of the Rutgers' Newark campus Gustav Henningburg Civic Fellows Program. The new

Fellows Program as a resource for Newark's civic leaders who are deeply involved in the city's revitalization. Each year, four Gustav Henningburg Civic Fellows will participate in a residency focusing on, and leading to, the resolution of major issues central to Newark's continued renewal.

The Fellows program is a fitting recognition for Henningburg, says Jan Walden, Director of NJ Transit's Small Business Development Program, who last April recalled her experience as a new college graduate arriving in Newark more than 30 years ago.

Walden, told the audience during the City News Competitive City Business Awards Luncheon that, "For the past 33 years I have dedicated my professional career to affirmative action because of Gus Henningburg."

"He taught me how to put 'action' in the term affirmative action," says Walden worked for Henningburg at the Greater Newark Urban Coalition. "He taught me when to fight. When to say 'no,' and when to stand up for changes for the good of the whole." Both Walden and Henningburg were honored for their efforts contributions to minority economic development during the luncheon.

Born in Tuskegee, Alabama, Henningburg spent his early years in Durham, North Carolina and came to New York City with his family at the age of 14. He attended Hampton Institute on an academic and athletic scholarship, then served seven years in the U.S. Army. He has also held executive positions at the United Negro College Fund, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, currently runs his own consulting firm, Gustav Henningburg Associates.

"It is time that young and older minorities stop demanding equal treatment because of their race, but instead depend on their qualification and competence to get ahead," Henningburg said when asked what advice he would give young minorities who want to emulate him by creating a living legacy with their life.

In 1987, then Governor Thomas Kean presented Henningburg with the first Pride-in-New Jersey Alice Paul Humanitarian Award, considered the highest honor the State of New Jersey can bestow upon a civilian. Among the hundreds of awards he has been privileged to receive, the one that means most to him came from the Newark Welfare Rights Organization with the inscription:

"Gus listens to us. He fights for us. And we love him."



Henningburg, the captain of his fate, enjoys a moment at sea



Henningburg, Sharpe James and Len Coleman (left)



The Hon. Thomas Kean



Bishop Tutu, Hank Henderson



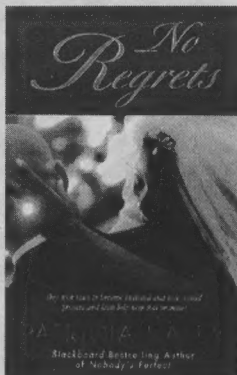
Maury Wills, Buddy Young, Henningburg, Gayle Sayers (l - r).

Vows of Love Bonds of Faith

Get ready as Patricia Haley takes you down the aisle, and makes you aware of a growing health issue!

WASHINGTON, DC — Off the heels of her best-selling title *Nobody's Perfect*; author, Patricia Haley utilizes her voice to sound the alarm for Breast Cancer Awareness. Haley submerges us into the world of Karen and Johnny Clark. After eighteen years of

marriage it would seem The Clarks have a blessed life, with three bright kids and a lifestyle to be envied by many. But after many years, their idyllic relationship has begun to slowly come apart. After Karen undergoes a serious illness things seem to take a turn for the worse as the passion they once knew seems only like a memory. Things become further complicated when Johnny's weakness for other women almost pushes them to the brink of divorce.



Being a woman of faith, Karen turns to the church for answers, and finds her beliefs tested in ways they have never been before. One thing she knows for sure no matter what it takes she is determined to start a new life, with or without Johnny. But this may prove more difficult for her than expected as she doesn't know where, or how to get started. Everything changes however when Karen suffers a relapse and finds herself walking the thin line between life and death. As she struggles to regain her health and belief in God's abiding love; it is now Johnny's turn to be tested, coming to grips with his weaknesses and fears. Can he truly appreciate the love of a good woman and discover what being a real man is all about?

Linda Gill, vice president and publisher of BET Books supports Haley's mission of awareness. "AfricanAmerican women are far more likely than others to die from this disease," states Gill. "Furthermore, AfricanAmerican women utilize breast cancer screening services 37% less frequently." BET Books is partnering with the National Black Women's Health Project to raise awareness and encourage women to take themselves and a friend for an exam. "I praise Patricia Haley for using her exceptional writing talents to sound the alarm," declares Lorraine Cole, the organization's President and CEO. "Whatever it takes to spread the word we are proud to be a partner."

Haley's message of cancer awareness in *No Regrets* is reflected not just in her characters, but in her own life. Haley states, "this disease has effected many friends in my life, and this is a way that I can make a difference. By writing about this character's struggles, and speaking to women's groups across the country, I hope to make others aware of the growing problem." *No Regrets* is bound for release in June 2002.

Philly Soul Classics

Thirty summers ago, Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff's Philadelphia International Records burst onto the charts with the first historic R&B/pop crossover hits by the O'Jays, Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, and Billy Paul, a track record that quickly encompassed successes with MFSB, the Three Degrees, the Intruders, the Trammps, and People's Choice in just the first three years on the scene. In a tribute to the label whose music is as influential in 2002 as it was in 1972, Legacy Recordings inaugurates the brandnew Philly Soul Classics series devoted exclusively to the PIR catalog, which was distributed through the 1970s by CBS Records, today Sony Music.

The Philly Soul Classics series is being launched with five releases that focus on PIR's early years (1972-75). Set for May 21st instore date on Epic/Legacy are expanded editions.

The music in the Philly Soul Classics series has been digitally remastered by engineer Joe Palmaccio at Sony Music Studios in New York.

In addition to the digital remastering and bonus material, the Philly Soul Classics series is distinguished by newly commissioned liner notes on every album, along with original liner notes where applicable.

The launch of the Philly Soul Classics series builds on the phenomenal success of Legacy's Rhythm & Soul series. Over the years, the latter has been the source for dozens of historic album reissues and compilations by Earth, Wind & Fire, the Emotions, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Heatwave, Z.Z. Hill, the Isley Brothers, Walter Jackson, Gladys Knight & the Pips, the Manhattans, Teena Marie, D.J. Rogers, Marlena Shaw, Surface, Johnnie Taylor, Bill Withers, and many others.

In addition, the Rhythm & Soul Series has ably represented the 'golden age' of Philadelphia International, with a steady schedule of releases celebrating the music of the Intruders, Patti LaBelle, Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, MFSB, the O'Jays, Teddy Pendergrass, Lou Rawls, and the Three Degrees. Now, the music of Philadelphia International, which thrived on the charts from 1972 through the first stirrings of hip-hop in the early '80s, has its own historic imprint with the Philly Soul Classics series.



Music grant program for R&B songwriters

NEW YORK, NY — Marilyn Bergman, President of the ASCAP Foundation confirmed recently that The ASCAP Foundation and The Heinen Music Initiative have teamed up to launch a newlycreated grant program for emerging R&B songwriters in key music markets across the country. The Heinen Music Initiative/The ASCAP Foundation Grant program will benefit upandcoming songwriters in the New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, and Miami music communities.

The songwriter (or songwriters) of the winning song applying from each of the markets will be selected to receive a \$3500 grant.

"There is so much wonderful music that remains unheard

because those who create it do not have the means to bring their songs to the attention of music publishers and record companies," says Marilyn Bergman.

To apply for The Heinen Music Initiative/The ASCAP Foundation Grant, entrants must be members of ASCAP and 21 years of age or older. All applications must be postmarked by June 28, 2002.

Complete details of The Heinen Music Initiative/The ASCAP Foundation Grant program (application materials and eligibility information) are available by logging onto www.ascapfoundation.org. To ensure eligibility, interested entrants should review the program requirements before applying.

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Mike Tyson's Last Supper:

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By Lloyd Williams

"A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver. With some fava beans, and a nice Chianti."

—Hannibal the Cannibal, Silence of the Lambs—

"I'm the most brutal and vicious and most ruthless champion there's ever been. Lennox is the conqueror? No. I want to rip out his heart and feed it to him. I'm the best ever, there's never been anybody as ruthless. I'm just ferocious. I want to kill people. I want to rip their stomachs out and eat their children. Praise be to Allah!"

—Mike Tyson—

On June 8th, Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis will square off in the boxing ring for a Heavyweight Championship bout of Biblical proportions. The historic showdown will take place at the Pyramid in Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, that is, not Memphis, Egypt. But maybe the battle should have been staged in the Middle East, given the social, political and religious undercurrents attached to the event.

It was not lost on me that the Great Pyramids of Giza (built from 2680-2544 BC), located at the necropolis of ancient Memphis, are the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the World. And that they are still standing while the Twin Towers have been reduced to rubble. With this country already on edge, we don't need to exacerbate the polarized climate unnecessarily.

Unfortunately, the mega-hype attached to the rumble has pigeonholed these rivals as the most simplistic of archetypes, WWF-style, as if a staged, professional wrestling match. In one corner there's the primitive, man-eating (literally) Tyson, the embodiment of evil. Some suggest that Iron Mike should be caged and wheeled in on a gurney, manacled and muzzled like Hannibal Lecter. In the other corner, there's the downright gentlemanly Lewis, a British bloke who never broke the Marquess of Queensberry's boxing rules.

Tyson, perhaps the worst advertisement for Islam since Osama bin Laden, is given to aimless rants in which he invokes the name of Allah in between death threats against his opponent, reporters and humanity at large. Why his Muslim mullah hasn't figured out a way to muzzle this loony loose cannon is beyond me.

But he ain't the best role model, I hope, for members of a group presently profiled by the Vice President and US Attorney General as all but certain to set off suicide bombs, to poison the drinking supply, to detonate residential real estate and to level national landmarks like The Statue of Liberty and The Brooklyn Bridge.

If you don't think there's anti-Islamic discrimination right now, change your name

to Muhammad and try to find an apartment in a high rise building.

At this point, most co-ops boards would approve an OJ Simpson before anyone of Arab extraction. And all the money in the world won't help either. Even I have to admit that I had my suspicions about Ahmed bin Salman, the billionaire Saudi prince whose Triple Crown hopeful has won The Kentucky Derby and The Preakness. Especially since he

named the horse War Emblem and its closest competitor is called Proud Citizen. Money hasn't helped Tyson either, an unrepentant rapist with unchecked cannibalistic urges. I leave you with a fight prediction, for those dumb enough to bet on boxing.

I'd never disagree with Mike who says, "On June 8th, flesh will not be enough."

I have a hunch that Tyson will cook Lennox Lewis's goose that night.



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Lloyd Williams is an attorney and member of the bar of NY, NJ, PA, CT & MA.

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A mindless job can kill you

Workers with little latitude for decision making die earlier than employees with more flexibility, even if the latter have high stress jobs, according to a new study.

"The lack of control a person had in his or her job substantially increased the hazard of death," says Benjamin C. Amick III, Ph.D., of the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston. The research team says this is the first study to examine the psychosocial impact of working conditions over the cumulative life course of a representative sample of U.S. working adults.

Workers with little control in their jobs were 43 to 50 percent more likely to die during a period of five to 10 years than workers who had high stress jobs but more decision making responsibilities.

The study, published in the May/June issue of *Psychosomatic Medicine*, included more than 25,000 subjects who were employed for a minimum of three years. Information was collected annually starting in 1968 and ending in 1991.

Study participants were categorized into four work states: high demands with low deci-

sion latitude, low demands with high decision latitude, low demands with low decision latitude and high demands with high decision latitude.

The low demands/low decision state, which the study defines as passive work, may reflect jobs that are largely lacking in meaningful content, the authors suggest.

"This alienating work could result in social disengagement and/or adoption of high risk behaviors that lead to a higher

risk of death," Amick says. "In addition to the amount of job control a person has during a working life, the meaningfulness of work may be an important contributor to [risk of dying]."

Because this study was designed to look at cumulative effects on workers over their entire lives, the researchers were also able to show that the longer African Americans lived, the lower their relative risk of dying. This may reflect

the finding that African Americans are more likely to die young than Caucasians.

Overall, being employed seemed to have a protective effect or, if viewed the other way, being unemployed may undermine people's health and increase their risk of dying.

The study was funded in part through grants from the National Institute of Aging and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Inner city residents plagued by high asthma, allergy rates

(NU)—Many residents in inner city areas where problems associated with asthma are at all time highs, are not receiving the healthcare they need to treat asthma and other respiratory problems.

Studies show that minorities and children living in poverty have higher rates and severity of asthma.

Asthma is a serious and deadly disease. Each year 5,300 people die from asthma in the United States.

Without proper care adequate control of the disease, asthma sufferers experience a reduced quality of life—missed school and work days, lost sleep and inability to participate in sports and other leisure activities. Children miss more than 10 million school days because of asthma and more than 1.8 million annual emergency room visits are caused by asthma.

Indoor allergens are major sources of asthma in urban areas. The kind of asthma that is common in inner-city area is allergic in nature. The same things that trigger hay fever hay fever and allergies also can trigger asthma. Many indoor allergens thrive in homes and area where humidity is high.

Dust mites, indoor molds, pet dander and cockroaches are indoor allergens. Dust mite droppings are the most common trigger of perennial allergy and asthma symptoms. Cockroaches also are a major concern because they are a primary trigger of asthma symptoms for children in densely populated, urban neighborhoods.

By removing indoor allergens from the home and receiving proper diagnosis and treatment, people with asthma and allergies can live active, symptom free lives.

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Livingston—A free support for domestic violence victims will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. For more info call (973) 740-8505.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Elizabeth—The City of Elizabeth and several health agencies present an HIV overview, at Union County College, 12 W. Jersey St, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more info call (908) 820-4050

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

New Brunswick—The New Brunswick Area Branch N.A.A.C.P. presents the 29th Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. - noon. For more info call (732) 828-5363

Newark—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will host their annual Scholarship and Community Service Brunch. For more info (973) 242-1262.

Job Fair from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info call 908-659-5172

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Cranbury—The New Jersey state Chamber of Commerce will hold a State Chamber Breakfast with the Executive Directors of the Assembly Democratic and Republican Offices at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Jersey City—New Jersey City University's Small Business Development Center offers a workshop on Expanding Existing Business in English and in Spanish. For more info call (201) 200-2156.

MONDAYS, JUNE 17 - AUGUST 5

Cranford—Union County College offers an Achieving the Competitive Edge with Customer Service course from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

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Cranford—Union County College offers a Computers & Seniors course from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - AUGUST 15

Cranford—Union County College offers a Management Skills For Supervisors course from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Cranford—Union County College offers a course in the Great American Debt Opportunity from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

Cranford - Union County College offers a course Make Your Resume Work For You from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

Carney's Point—The Center for Advanced Food and Technology offers Financial and Technical Assistance for Small Business from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more info call 732-445-6145.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 - JULY 24

Cranford - Union County College offers Quarkxpress course from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call (908) 709-7600.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Jersey City—New Jersey City University's Small Business Development Center will offer a workshop on Expanding Existing Business. For more info call (201) 200-2156.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Livingston—The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a Blood Drive at the Livingston Fire Department from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 973-676-4700

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

South Orange—Seton Hall University will host a lecture series entitled Reflection on Hospital Mergers. For more info call (973) 378-2677.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Edison—The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a Blood Drive at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-676-4700

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 - AUGUST 7

Roselle Park—Church of the Assumption will conduct a Yoga class from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 201-967-5599

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Union—The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a Blood Drive at Union Hospital from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-676-4700

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

South Orange—Seton Hall University will host a lecture series entitled Our State of Health since September 11, 2001. For more info call (973) 378-2677.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26 - 27

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Governor unveils plan to ease rail overcrowding

NEWARK — Governor James E. McGreevey, State Transportation Commissioner James Fox, NJ Transit Executive Director George D. Warrington have unveiled a series of train improvements that will begin to ease overcrowding on the NJ

One of Warrington's first actions since joining NJ Transit on May 6 was to create five task forces that are in the process of reviewing NJ Transit business and strategic operations.

In August another rail sched-

ule change will go into effect to address overcrowding on Saturdays.

This fall, at the conclusion of NJ Transit's popular supplementary rail service to the Jersey Shore, two morning peak period

trains will be added to the Northeast Corridor schedule to will greatly reduce NJ Transit's current standee problems.

On September 30, NJ Transit will launch its new Montclair Connection rail service, to be

renamed the Montclair Boonton Midtown Direct service. This service will utilize the rail corporation's new ALP46 electric locomotive and Comet V coach cars, which were showcased at the recent press conference.



Gov. McGreevey, Rep. Donald Payne, and Deputy Mayor Calvin West at Penn Station.

Transit rail system by fifty percent this month.

On June 16, the number of standees will be cut in half to 2,000 when NJ Transit implements a rail schedule change, and adds 2,000 seats on the Northeast Corridor trains, primarily during the evening peak period. NJ Transit will also add a new 10:40 p.m. Northeast Corridor departure from New York to handle late night crowd attending evening events in the Big Apple.

"We are making schedule changes, purchasing new rail cars and making better use of equipment and resources to improve the service that NJ Transit provides every day," McGreevey said. "For New Jersey and its people to thrive, it is essential for our mass transportation system to remain viable, reliable and secure."

The improvements announced at Newark Penn Station include: Three rail schedule changes over the next four months that will add 6,000 seats to the rail system on weekdays and 7,300 on Saturdays; a commitment of \$250 million from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will help NJ Transit purchase 231 bi-level rail cars; and plans by the NJ Transit Capacity Task Force to explore other management tools to maximize the NJ Transit assets.

"This announcement demonstrates Governor McGreevey's commitment to develop a stronger transportation network and improve the quality of the commute for thousands of riders," said Fox. "I salute George Warrington for his quick action, leadership and vision, which is leading to measurable changes to the public transportation system."

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Amistad bill' raising African-American history awareness passes senate

TRENTON — The Senate Education Committee has released an amended "Amistad Bill" sponsored by Assembly Deputy Majority Leader William D. Payne and Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley that would incorporate African-American history into the traditional curriculum in New Jersey schools.

"It is long past the time when African-American history should be incorporated into main stream history," said Payne. "All students should be taught about African-American history and its place in world civilization. Everyone should be better educated about the slave trade and the subsequent significant contributions made by ex-slaves despite the horrors they endured during slavery."

The Payne/Stanley measure (A-1301) would create a 19-member Amistad Commission in honor of the enslaved Africans who gained their freedom after overthrowing the crew of the Amistad cargo ship en route from Havana, Cuba in 1839. The commission would promote wider implementation of educational and awareness programs regarding the African slave trade, slavery in America, and the considerable contributions African-Americans have made over the course of United States history. The commission also would designate appropriate text books that substantively chronicle the African-American experience in the United States.

"Hopefully this legislation will fill a void about the considerable role African-Americans played in building this country," said Payne (D-Essex).

"Everyone can benefit from knowing the real facts about the American slavery experience and the subsequent contribu-

tions African-Americans made in the development of our society.

"The African-American Holocaust is not often discussed in-depth in New Jersey classrooms. Students need to learn the horrors their ancestors faced and realize the significance of African-American achievement in our society today," Payne, who is chairman of the Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee, said the Amistad is an inspiration for all Americans.

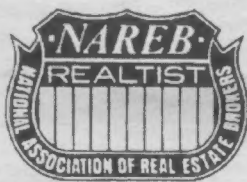
Payne said enactment of the measure would heighten aware-

ness of the obstacles that have long stood in the way of the African-American community, and generate a greater appreciation of how this community has, nonetheless, risen above this hardship to succeed in shaping America as a nation.

This commission would consist of 19 members, including the Secretary of State, the state Commissioner of Education, and the chair of the executive board of the President's Council, serving ex officio — or their designees, and 16 public members.



Assemblyman William D. Payne (D-Essex) is seen here (left) during an April press conference he held in Camden last April when the replica of the Amistad ship was in port. Also shown are Assembly Majority leader Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., (D-Camden), and Newark-based International Youth Organization.



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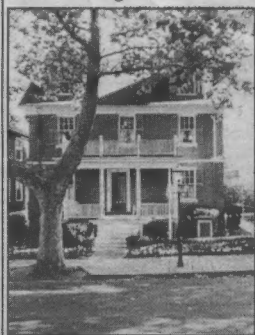
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